

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/03/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,7,3,15,4,5,16,17,6,8,18,19,20,9,10,11,12,13,14 renumbered 1-20 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 October 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 04/15/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steve Hultquist on 04/15/2004.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 4, line 24, after "from" delete ---,---;

Claim 8, line 28, before "menus" add ---providing---;

Claim 8, line 29, after "advertiser" add ---;---;

Claim 13, line 6, before "voice telephone conversation" add ---PSTN quality---.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 4, 6, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method of completing a quality voice telephone call between an internet web page user of a web page on an internet, the internet web page user having customer premise equipment capable of voice and data communications to a first local service access provider (LSAP) and an advertiser of a product/service on the web page having premise

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communication equipment coupled to the same or another LSAP, the method comprising the step of:

coupling a managed MVoIP system between the first LSAP and the premise communication equipment to allow a PSTN quality voice telephone conversation to take place between the internet web page user and the advertiser, in combination with other limitations as specified in the independent claims 1, 4, 6.

Regarding claim 8, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method of establishing a MVoIP network having VoIP telephone carrier-grade transmission quality equivalent to carrier quality of a PSTN for generating voice communications between an internet web page advertiser having premises communication equipment coupled to an internet web page advertiser LSAP and an internet web page user having a CPE coupled to an internet web page user LSAP, the method comprising the steps of:

automatically navigating menus, prompts and procedures from the internet web page of the internet web page advertiser;

locating any idle advertiser location at the premise communication equipment of the internet web page advertiser through internet web page navigation procedure prior to connecting the telephone call to the internet web page user, in combination with other limitations as specified the independent claim 8.

Regarding claim 9, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method of bypassing a regulated toll portion of a PSTN to establishing voice communications between an internet web page advertiser having CPE couple to an internet web page

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advertiser LSAP and an internet web page user having a CPE coupled to an internet web page user LSAP, the method comprising the steps of:

conducting at least one of the steps of (i) browsing an internet having the CPE to locate an internet advertised product/service having an associate telephone number and (ii) correlating a web page of the internet web page advertiser to an IP address on the MvoIP system, in combination with other limitations as specified in the independent claim 9.

Regarding claim 10, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method of completing a telephone call between a calling party having a first CPE coupled to a first LSAP and a called person having a second CPE coupled to a second LSAP, the method comprising the step of:

bypassing a regulated portion of an PSTN system with an MvoIP system having carrier grade quality and that is coupled between the first LSAP and the second LSAP to allow a voice conversation to take place between the calling party and the called person, in combination with other limitations as specified in the independent claim 10.

Regarding claim 13, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a system for completing a telephone call between an internet web page user, having a telephone and a PC coupled to an LSAP, and advertiser call center of an advertiser, the system comprising:

internet connection means to a MvoIP telephone system for enabling the MvoIP telephone system to automatically establish voice connection between the internet web page user and the advertiser call center upon selection of the telephone number

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associated with a product/service of interest by the internet web page user, in combination with other limitation as specified in the independent claim 13.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

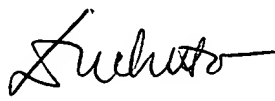
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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